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SUMMARY: FONOFF HAS RECEIVED FROM GOJ EMBASSY CAIRO ADDITIONAL INFO OF GOE AID REQUIREMENTS, EGYPTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF PROBABLY USG RESPONSE AND EXPECTED GOJ CONTRIBUTION WHICH IN ITS VIEW SEEMS TO DIFFER FROM INFO EARLIER CONVEYED BY USG TO GOJ. FONOFF REQUESTS US CLARIFICATION AND VIEWS RE NEXT STEP IN AID TO EGYPT PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF REP (SEZAKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FIRST ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIVISION) CALLED IN EMBOFF JUNE 6 TO INFORM US IN STRICT CONFIDENCE OF REMARKS MADE BY GOE FONMIN FAHMY TO GOJ TRANSPORTATION VICE MINISTER

OKONOGI AND GOJ AMBASSADOR WADA IN CAIRO JUNE 4, ON OCCASION OF OKONOGI'S VISIT TO EGYPT FOR SUEZ CANAL REOPENING.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORT FROM GOJ EMBASSY CAIRO, GOE FONMIN REFERRED TO USG/GOE TALKS AT SALZBURG AND AID USG HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EGYPT'S QTE TOTAL AID REQUIREMENTS UNQTE ARE 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS. FAHMY SAID HE UNDERSTANDS USG WILL PROVIDE 500 MILLION DOLLARS, SAUDI ARABIA CONFIDENTIAL

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250 MILLION, AND IRAN AND WEST GERMANY 200 MILLION EACH. FAHMY SAID HE ALSO UNDERSTANDS JAPAN IS CONSIDERING 100 MILLION IN AID, BUT HE HOPES JAPAN WILL PROVIDE AROUND 200 MILLION.

3. IN RESPONSE, GOJ AMBASSADOR WADA SAID ABOVE WAS AT VARIANCE WITH INFO RECEIVED FROM TOKYO, BUT FAHMY STUCK BY HIS FIGURES AND CONFIRMED THAT WADA HAD UNDERSTOOD HIM CORRECTLY.

4. SEZAKI, IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS, SAID DISPATCH FROM CAIRO DID NOT INDICATE EITHER TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH ABOVE AID AMOUNTS WERE TO BE PROVIDED OR WHETHER AMOUNTS INCLUDED BOTH PROJECT AND COMMODITY AID. EVEN SO, HE SAID HE HAD WANTED TO PASS INFO ON TO US FOR USE OF USG AND TO UNDERLINE FONOFF'S EARLIER REQUEST FOR ACCOUNT OF ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF US-EGYPT TALKS AND CLARIFICATION OF VARIOUS FIGURES INVOLVED. HE ALSO REQUESTED ADVICE SOONEST RE USG VIEWS AS TO NEXT PROCEDURAL STEP TO BE TAKEN IN AID PROCESS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO AVAILABLE SOONEST FOR RESPONSE TO FONOFF QUESTIONS.
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